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Enclosed is a copy of a (7) page partial European Search report which was mailed on August 26, 2004 in the counterpart European application. Copies of the documents are enclosed; except the three listed below which were listed in the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 22, 2001 from the U. S. Patent Application No. 09/743,818.

(Item AAY) Hinek, Aleksander et al, Journal of Cell Biology, Vol. 126, No. 2, 1994, pp. 563-574

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